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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Danley et al.

Serial No.: 10/698,220

Filed: October 31, 2003

Title: FIELD-INSTALLABLE CONNECTOR  
INCLUDING STUB OPTICAL FIBER  
HAVING LASER SHAPED ENDFACE

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) Art Unit: 1731  
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) Examiner: N/A  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the filing date of the application, but, to the best of Applicants' knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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